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Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS

Mr. Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS, Executive Vice-President of Dynamics Corporation of America, and President of Radio Engineering Laboratories, was the guest speaker on the Twentieth Anniversary Dinner Meeting of QCWA, held October 27, 1967, in the Gold Room of the Hotel Statler Hilton, New York City. 193 members and their guests, and wives attended this gala affair to honor our Charter Members who were the nucleus of members starting the QCWA in 1947. Fifty year awards were presented to the eligible members, and Charter plaques were presented to the charter members attending. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Gunther, was well qualified to speak about, "The Radio Amateur in National Defense". He stated, "As a devoted 'Ham' for over 48 years I still find it exhilarating and stimulating to meet with my amateur friends, not only because I enjoy the good fellowship, but also because I can understand their language and they can understand mine. There is no other hobby in the world

where the common bond is stronger." He continued, "...it would be senseless for me to review all the services which amateur radio has rendered to our nation and the world. Many better qualified than I have narrated the exploits of our fraternity in times of national disaster, in the development of advanced radio equipment, in the cause of national defense and in assisting individuals in many parts of the world who find themselves in distress and require morale boost." Mr. Gunther then discussed one of the principal segments of an Amateur's activity... that of the role of the Amateur in National Defense. He prefaced his remarks by reviewing the wave of anti-war criticism by certain unshorn, unshaven, unwashed, and unappetizing young people, and hoped unconvincing to the remainder of the population. He continued, that no one wants war, but if it does come to our country a citizen would naturally defend it and its interest even at the risk of life. He said, "I have been privileged to spend a lot of time with the military and I have met all their top leaders, especially in the field of communications. At this point I want to say that I never met a more devoted group of men, dedicated to your defense and mine." He then talked of his trip to Viet Nam to observe first hand the performance of radio equipment manufactured by the Radio Engineering Laboratories, and the problems confronting the communicators in that battle area. "What has this to do with Radio Amateurs" he asked, he then showed a film of Signal Corps communications in Viet Nam. The film focused attention on the execrable conditions to which radio equipment in the field is subjected. he spoke of the failures in such an environment. He continued, "Now who makes these emergency repairs without benefit of spares or replacement parts? The men on the spot, and I am assured by many officers in the field that more often than not, the solution is provided by men who have been radio amateurs. Their experience as hams, and their youthful interest in radio communications has provided them a sixth sense which enables them to quickly diagnose the problem involved and to devise ingenious solutions to place the equipment back on the air in a minimum of time. The radio amateur under these conditions, is usually far ahead in technical ability than his buddy who has had only the benefit of training afforded by one of the Armed Forces Radio Schools, and therefore lacks the extra "feel" or familiarity which is possessed by the ham operator.... the term for draftees in the army is two years and it takes a year to train a man without experience. But not so if he is a radio amateur, and he quickly becomes familiar with military equipment and its operation. Thus far longer field service is obtained over a period of two years from the draftee radio amateur, who had never had to spend so much time in training.... He continued, "Let us consider another case where the radio amateur has achieved success. Take the situation where one of our Naval vessels is miles away from any supply base....space limitations on shipboard prevent stocking complete parts....despite rugged equipment, downtime may occur due to battle damage, or other accidents... for effective operations radio equipment must be on the air as soon as possible... this may require rebuilding...utilizing such parts as are available... the military readily concur that the finest "trouble shooters and jury riggers" are generally those officers and men who are radio Amateurs"... this speaks well for the experience, knowledge and enthusiasm acquired by our young men who became amateur operators before they entered the military service." Mr. Gunther then discussed the MARS program of the military services, and the establishment of stations to be operated within the bounds of national security. These stations provide important training to officers and enlisted men in radio communication equipment. Mr. Gunther then stressed the need of trained radio amateurs in the services. "This makes it incumbent upon us to encourage young amateurs to improve their technical capabilities and operational techniques. They must be urged to aspire to at least an Advanced Class license, preferably however, to strive further for the Extra Class License." "In encouraging our youth to become interested in Amateur Radio, he continued, "We not only give a definite assist to the military services, but their is some fallout as follows: 1 - creating an interest in our youth to follow an engineering or scientific career; 2 - augmenting the reservoir of Amateur Radio operators which is recognized as a national resource in time of civil emergency; 3 - by mere association, assisting our youth to become better Americans; 4 - and above all, indicating that the QCMA is composed of loyal Americans, not influenced by small hard cores of subversive elements who prey upon and infiltrate into certain groups of our young people, as well as into uninformed and unrealistic fellow citizens who devoutly expect an Utopian world which will never occur unless basic human nature can be changed... and so far in this history of the human race our Maker has not seen fit to do this.



QCWA Twentieth Anniversary Dinner Meeting October 27, 1967, at the head table from left to right; W2AMB, QCWA treasurer, W2KH, member of QCWA Board, W2ALS, guest speaker; W2MM, President QCWA; W2KW, Vice President QCWA; W2JE, General Manager QCWA; W2PF, Secretary QCWA; W2FX, President Emeritus, QCWA. Mr. John DiBlasi had the happy privilege of presenting to his son John, Jr., QCWA membership Certificate #5401, John Jr., W2QNR became eligible upon completion of 25 years as a radio amateur; since John Sr., received certificate #1, it was a long time between certificates.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Now that the new license regulations have gone into effect this November the Advanced Class licensees have won both recognition as a continuing license class and obtained most of the new benefits. All the QCWA members have won the right to apply for a two letter call sign if they have an Extra Class license. This is not because of membership but because being members indicates that they have held an amateur license for twenty-five or more years ago. While the Extra Class license does not give many more operating privileges than the Advanced class license it is still a status symbol and a means to acquire a two letter call sign. I hope that the majority of QCWA will now qualify for Extra Class licenses. The new call book now shows the class of operator license held by US Amateurs. It is gratifying to see the growth of our association, now over 4000 active members, and the added formation of new chapters.

My best wishes for a very Happy Holiday season to you all. W2MM

W2AMB now retired and can no longer retain a lot of old time radio gear, old mags etc. Included are Grebe CR3 (less dials) & CR13, both in excellent shape, some old telegraph relays, sounders, drop Fred a line with SASE for list at #1 Ninth Batwat, Toms River, NJ 08753.

Also we have a number of 20th Anniversary ball point pens, this pens are very fine and sell for 59 cents. If you are interested in the QCWA 20th Anniversary pen, send 25c to pay for cost, handling and postage.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU! de W2JE

1968 QCWA QSD PARTY

STARTS: 2200 GMT Friday, February 23, 1968
5:00 PM EST Friday, February 23, 1968

ENDS: 2200 GMT Sunday, February 25, 1968
5:00 PM EST Sunday, February 25, 1968

This year's Party is being sponsored by the Washington Chapter of QCWA. Only members are eligible for the QCWA Certificate and Plaque donated by the National Headquarters, and only contacts with other members will count toward this award.

This is primarily a party to renew old acquaintances and see how many members you can contact. Overseas members are to be contacted, as they too enjoy the fraternalism. This year, to add interest, a simple point scoring system will be incorporated. Count one point for each QCWA member worked. (Repeats on other bands or modes do not count, nor do non-members). Multiply the points by the sum of the states, Canadian provinces and countries other than the U.S. and Canada in which a member was worked, for the final score.

Your log should show in this order: Date/Time in GMT, Station worked, contact number sent and received, RST/RS reports, Band, QTH, Name, and QCWA Number.

Activity will be found near the following frequencies:

CW - 3525, 7025, 14025, 21025, 28025 Kcs
PHONE: (AM and SSB) 3810, 3950, 7210, 14210, 21310, 28510 Kcs
RTTY: 7105, 21140 Kcs

Mail your log by March 20, 1968 to Donald McClenon, W3EIS, 11310 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705

RESULTS OF 1967 ELECTIONS

FOR PRESIDENT	FOR VICE-PRES	FOR TREASURER	FOR SECRETARY	CONSTITUTION CHANGE	
W2MM - 1852	W2KW 1841	W2AMB 1855	W2PF 1841	For	Against
W2BOJ 1	W2AMB 1	W2AWR 1	W2JE 8	Sec 2 1852	26
W2EXM 1	K2CM 1	W2KW 1	W3OY 1	Sec 3 1856	22
W2JBL 1	W2WZ 1	W4GJ 1	W8ALW 1	No votes =	25
W3RE 1	W4KFC 1	W5AIR 1			
W4ID 1	W4TE 1	W8AWF 1			
W5YMX 1	W6MLZ 1			FOR DIRECTORS	
W6MLZ 2	W7ER 1			W2KH	1664
W6PIF 1	W8HSW 1			W2BW	1667
W7OS 1	W8LZV 1			W2WZ	1600
W8BAH 1				W2ALS	1448
W8CAM 1				W8ALP	1358
W8SS 1				W2CYK	1221
				K5JLQ	8
				K6GIL	6
				W7OS	17

The following received 2 votes each for Director: W1PQ, K2CM, W3RE, W4GJ, W4YK, W8CAM
The following received 1 vote each: W1AQW, W1QV, W1VN, W2CMM, K2HFU, W2FX, K2AM, W2FAR
W2LV, W2CSQ, W2LGR, W2JB, W2VH, W3BA, W3BFH, W3ELI, W3HWZ, W3LN, W3QER, W3ZF, W3ZO,
W3NSX, W4DKJ, W4TE, W4ZM, W6PKK, W6RT, W6AUC, W7CLN, K7AN, W7LQ, W8CAM, W8NBK, W8TV,
W8UZ, W9KS, W0CVU, W0ELA, K0NL and also W8JDV W9NN.

Total ballots received 1885, void 6, 12 ballots for directors void, voted for 6.
The tellers were W2FAR, Merritt Kirchhoff, and Eric Roberts W2PED.

Ballots by districts: W1's - 139; W2's - 425; W3's - 133; W4's - 156; W5's - 84
W6's - 324; W7's - 149; W8's - 262; W9's - 81; W0's - 99
VE's - 19; KH6's - 3; KL7's - 2; KP4's - 1, KV4's - 1, F3's - 1
IL's - 2; DL's - 2; Y0's - 2.

The constitution amendments were approved. Merry Christmas

CHAPTER NEWS

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

W7PN reports the NW Chapter nets are in full operation on Sunday as of Sept 10th. Plans are being completed for the 1968 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Chapter at the Holiday Motor Inn at Tacoma, WA. It will be held on June 8th and 9th, 1968. Section 1 comprising the NW portion of the state of Washington, is hoping to hold its Fall Section Dinner meeting on about 19 November 1968 according to W7AY0. W7AY0 and W7AZI are on tour of the East and they hope they will be able to meet some of the QCHA members while in the Eastern Seaboard. The NW Chapter plans to put their Museum at the Rocky Beach Dam near Wenatchee Washington, are progressing nicely.

Northern California Chapter

The chapter held their annual picnic at the Sonoma Golf and Country Club on Sept 10th. 113 members attended, and everyone had a fine time. Attending were 11 members who were licensed more than fifty years ago.

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA CHAPTER

W9WKN after bringing in about 30 new members in the past year, has finally got this chapter going strong. Reason for long delay in getting set up was trying to get the new and old members away from their TV set long enough in order to get a meeting started. The new officers for this chapter are: W9WKN, Chairman; W9MJH, Secretary Treasurer. They will hold their next meeting at the Lake County Amateur Club, on February 1968. A few surprises are in store for the members who attend.

DAYTON CHAPTER

The chapter held their fall meeting at the Peerless Mill Inn, Miamisburg, Ohio, Thursday evening October 12, 1967. A total of 43 members attended. The chapter secretary reports 104 members now listed on their roster. New officers were elected: W8ACE chairman, and W8FJC elected secretary. The program was "The Crosley Story" consisting of slides and narration by W8JDV.

READING CHAPTER

The chapter held its first Annual Banquet on Tuesday Sept 12, at the Lincoln Restaurant. 23 people attended, including the XYL's and YL's. W3DYX its secretary reports it was a very pleasant affair.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

The chapter is attempting to organize the "Extra Class" study group to aid the OT's in getting their extra class license. Fine idea, maybe other chapters should have a study group. K5JLQ is in Europe but return soon to attend to organizational activities. Frank W5IGJ sends in the worlds shortest love story! She said Who?, He said you, she said ME?, He said Yes, She said, NO.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

The chapter held its second annual banquet and meeting on Oct 7, at the Frederick Hotel, Endicott, NY. The guest speaker was Mr Perry Williams W1UED, of ARRL membership services committee. He gave a very interesting talk on amateur affairs in general and on the new incentive licensing program. New officers elected: K2LBB Chairman and W82BCO secretary. They now have 78 members in their chapter.

CANTON CHAPTER

The chapter held their 20th dinner meeting at the Goodhouse, in Ragersville, with a total of 54 sitting down to dinner. W8NAL reports that Dr Don W8SQW is on the mend at his home after a brief illness. W8CWY is in the hospital for some surgery. Good luck John...

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The semi annual meeting of the Cleveland chapter was held on Nov 4, at the Masonic Temple in Cleveland. A fine attendance of members and guests enjoyed a fine meal. W8DS reports the next meeting will be held May 11, 1968.

MIDWEST CHAPTER

The Upper Midwest chapter held their meeting during the last convention with 72 members attending., and 250 at the expanded open meeting featuring the pictures of the Plaisted Polar Expedition of 1967. This session was certainly one of the high lights.

ANTHRACITE CHAPTER

W3KJJ reports the chapter held its regular meeting at the Shady Rest Inn near Hazelton Pa., Nov 11th with a very fine attendance. Plans were made to have "Ladies Night" at the coming Spring meeting to be held in Tamaqua, in April.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Oct 21st dinner meeting held at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach was oversold two weeks ahead of time with 133 in attendance. Tom Christian, VR6TC and his XYL Betty, gave a most interesting and informative slide show of their native Pitcairn Island. Newly elected officers for 1968: Chairman, K6GMA; Vice Chairman W6FVQ, Director W6HS, Secy-treas; K6GIL. Gratefult thanks for a job well done to our retiring Chairman W6PIF; as only member to have held all four chapter offices. The Spring meeting will be held in Harolow's Restaurant in San Fernando Valley on April 20th. NOTE - K6GIL would like to hear from Chapter Secretaries that would like to join in a SSB net to meet the first Saturdays of each month at 1600 GMT on 14255Kcs.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Well gang its dues time again, therefore look at your ID cards, if yours expire December 31, 1967, you owe for next three years, send in \$5 now, save me some work when I start sending out statements about 1 December. (Some pay ~~their~~ dues when due, Some when overdue, Some Never Do. How do you DO?) While I am at it, let me say, there's nothing like a long brisk walk to clear the head -- of any silly ideas about not paying your QCWA dues, or getting a Life Membership. -- and another thing, I do not know whether you old timers are eligible for our 50 year award, so why not ask me for an application for the award. ---remember I must have these applications for the "50 Years Licensed in Amateur Radio" award by 1 September 1968 --- and also the new yearbook will be going to the printers by February 1st 1968. This will give you lots of time to send in your dues, to be sure to be included in the yearbook. Only paid up members will be listed in the 1968-69 book. If you contemplate moving, or getting a new call sign, let me know in advance, or the address that will be inserted will be the one on this newsletter. ---Our good friend Robbie W3RE had an accident while in New York, and is hospitalized in St Vincents Hospital on Staten Island, so drop him a QSL card. He is getting along, but must still stay in St. Vincent's. --- A new publication is in being reports W3FBF. Paul says the new ham sheet will be called the "Keystone Communicator" -- he says it will be Pennsylvania's GREATEST amateur radio publication. So you Keystoneers, write to Paul Mercado W3FBF about it. --- Jack Robertson W1DVM ex W2KCV states that the lower half of his 1921 (or it maybe 1923) license has disappeared. The station license was 8BED, so he asks that if any one in the Pittsburgh area has such a license and would be willing to have a xerox copy made of it, (the portion that says Dept of Commerce, signed by S. W. Edwards(R) from Detroit, and Herbert Hoover as Secretary) send it to W1DVM so that he can add it to his license. Jack says he will pay all costs. --- Those members of Rumanian extraction who still have contacts in Rumania drop a line to YO2BC Const. Honae Str. Plugariilor 26, Timisoara, Rumania. He says that if you visit his area he will offer complete accomodations including use of car for QCWA members, so write to him about this. --- Gosh my ole buddy W8BAH has been hospitalized, but now is home, says he is doing well, drop him a card also Good luck Harry --- We have been getting a lot of OM & XYL members; Lily and Wayne Hester, W7KAD and W7KAE; Phil & Harriet Amborn W6PA and W6DOY; Clara & Harry Devries, W6WDW and W6PIX --- Let me tell you that our most active recruiters for QCWA are: W2PF; K6GIL; W3QER and W9 WKN... a day does not go by that I dont get an application sponsored by one of the above - good work ole buddies --- W4YK sends this profound something or other, "NOBODY'S PERFECT" "Each of us is a mixture of good qualities and some perhaps not-so-good qualities. In considering our fellow-man, we should remember his good qualities and realize that his faults only prove that he is, after all, a human being. We should refrain from making harsh judgment of a person just because he happens to be a dirty, rotten, no-good sonofasoc! ha -- I have just completed filing all applications received since 1949, into hard binders for safe keeping.... Got interested in reading some of these, and found that quite a few had licenses way back to 1912.... How Cum you guys never asked for your 50 year certificates -- viz:- W5OCN - W2TC - W1CPI - W8HN - W2HZ W1PJM - W4GVU - W1AVY - W2AHU - W7HF - W4LU - and W7ALM to name a few....request an application, have proof of your first station license or operators license.



The Gang

Dayton Chapter Picnic Aug 13, 1967

Lower Row: W8JDV, W8DSN, W8DWT, W8ALW
W8FJC, W8TE
Upper Row: W8RJ, W8DMN, W8LOF, W8WYL,
W8ACE, W8WC, W8DHJ, K8UZ
W8SUK



The XYL's

Dayton Chapter Picnic Aug 13, 1967

Lower Row: W8FJC, W8TE
Upper Row: W8WC, W8RJ, W8JDV,
W8LOF, W8ALW, K8UZ, W8SUK



S. Calif. Chapter Officers
for 1968, from left to right
K6GIL, Sec'y - W6FVQ V-Chairman
K6GMA - Chairman - W6HS Director



VR6TC & his XYL, Guest
Speakers at Oct 21, meeting of So.
Calif. Chapter, at Petroleum Club
Long Beach, CA



ON THE LIGHT SIDE - Don't get me wrong about Andy, I do not mean to imply he spends all of his time in bars but he is the only guy I know that has rheumatism of the hip - from putting wet change into his pocket--One of our Dayton members came to New York, arriving on a Sunday morn, he jumped into a cab and told the driver to drive him to Christ's Church. The cabbie drove over to Trinity Church, our member said, "That's not Christ's Church." Look mr. sed the cabbie, if ye dint find him in their, you wont find him anywhere in town"

There was a big commotion at our local Catholic church one sunday, A big crowd was gathered, the priest was refusing admittance to a beautiful girl with nothing on above the waist. Preist said you cant come into church that way, "The girl, said "I've got a divine right to go into that church" putting her hand to her breast. "You've got a beautiful left too," said the priest, "But you can't go into church without a hat"= - Joe was always antagonizing his wife by saying when leaving the house for the evening, "Good nite mother of J" One nite tho, when he said his parting shot, she answered, "Good night father of one". Now he stays home every night --- Say fellows, I am a most careful man, I fastened my seat belt twice - the first time when I get into the car - and the second time after I've unbuckled it to get my car keys out of my pants pocket.-- Heard the shortest sermon? well I think this is the one of the finest short sermons I have ever heard. A little lad said " The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want." Not much more space left for this newsletter - but heres a few words of wisdom: "Luck is a peculiar thing. The Harder you work the more of it you have" The average husband remembers when and where he got married - what escapes him is why.--- W8JRG Says he always travels by plane - it's the only way to fly--- mixed greens are good for you-especially five tens and twenties ---- thats all folks, but ponder over this -

Let us endeavor so to live, that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry -

Mark Twain

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